



Jim Blessington pulls a filing cabinet onto a truck. President B. D. Owens, Dr. Robert Bush and Chuck Veatch to Blessington and other maintenance employees moved their new offices in the J. W. Jones Student Union. Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke

More rain predicted

Severe weather prevails in June

"Over 1,000 severe weather warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service since June 1," said Brother Damion, of Conception Abbey.

Damion, who predicts weather by observing nature and comparing today's weather statistics with those of the past, has predicted more rain for the month of June.

A shortage of rainfall through most of the Midwest has already caused severe crop damage in some areas.

Even though the Kansas City Times Farm Times reported that conditions are dry, causing corn leaves to roll, Vilas Young, area director of the Nodaway County University of Missouri Extension Center, disagreed.

"Row crops are in pretty good shape now after the weekend rain," Young said. "It's not likely that rain will affect pasture crops much since most in this area are cool weather crops and we are moving into hot weather."

"Some isolated cases of damage to soybeans have been reported, which may be due to herbicide carryover resulting from a dry fall and winter."

Recent thunderstorms bringing hail and damaging winds have caused heavy crop losses in some areas of the state as well as in parts of Iowa.

"The traditional pattern for thunderstorms in our area is a movement from southwest to northeast," Damion said. "but when they swoop down out of the northeast into the southwest, the storms become more violent. These are the types of storms we've been experiencing lately."

Damion cited two weather lines, one running east and west through Savannah and the other running along the Iowa and Missouri border, as being responsible for producing the weather patterns in Nodaway County.

"These are the lines that produce our severe weather," he said.

About one to one and a half inches of rain on May 31 brought an end to a very dry month, but accompanied by severe weather including some scattered hail and several tornadoes in the region.

Area crops have avoided damage.

Young said that crops in this area have avoided serious damage from the severe weather.

"Parts of Iowa and surrounding areas have had hail damage," he said, "but there has been no serious damage in the immediate area."

Agronomy experts from the Cooperative Extension Service report that baby grasshoppers have emerged in large numbers and may be worse this year than last.

"They've hatched," Young said, "and they're still close to their hatching beds. They're easier to control now than they will be later."

Young said that before long the grasshoppers would begin to move into the row crops.

"That's where the damage is done," he said.

The shortage of rainfall has caused concern over a reduction in anticipated winter wheat yields in the state. At the time the wheat harvest in Missouri began, the National Weather Service reported that the state was about five inches short of normal rainfall, with the northwest and east central parts being the hardest hit.

Damion has noted similarities between weather conditions and statistics recorded in 1960 and those occurring now. Based on those similarities, he predicts a dry month of July with wide temperature variations. August should be hot and wet and the autumn warm and dry.

Food service changes from SAGA to ARA

ARA food services began at Northwest June 1, replacing SAGA. ARA is the largest food service company in the United States, according to David Rader, district manager for ARA.

Rader said the changing of food services is running smoothly, and even though there has been some difficulty in getting everyone settled in, things will be well underway by the fall semester.

Rader also said, as the summer progresses and the company becomes more familiar with the campus and the student needs, they will make adjustments.

"We are still in the transitional state and will be for the bulk of the summer, but as we get more familiar with the campus its needs can be met," Rader said.

Marvin Silliman, director of student affairs and intramurals, said he sees few problems with ARA and the way they're handling the changeover.

One change is the summer meal plan. Currently, those with a 20 meal plan are the only students who can eat on weekends. This is a change from the fall and spring semester plans.

Silliman said, "Though the plan is different from the regular school year, previous summer programs have had only the 20 meal plan eating on weekends because of fixed costs."

The regular meal plan standards, with the 15 and 20 meal plans eating on weekends and the 10 meal plan only on weekdays, will begin again in the fall.

Silliman believes that the students will be better satisfied with ARA.

"The standards of ARA are at least equal to if not better than that of SAGA. We haven't deleted anything, but added more," Silliman said.

Maryville marriages easier for teenagers

By Janice Corder

Maryville may not resemble Las Vegas in many ways, but both states are popular for out-of-state teen marriages because of easier laws. A 15-year old boy and girl can be wed in Missouri with parental consent.

Only seven states will allow a 15-year old girl to be married with consent and fewer allow boys at that age.

"We get a lot of people from out of state," said Lucille Nelson, Nodaway County recorder. "Mostly, they come from Iowa and Nebraska, but the farthest one was Canada."

Nelson said every county on the northern borderline probably gets young out-of-state couples for marriage licenses.

Missouri law requires that persons 15 to 18 only have the permission of a parent or guardian, pay the \$4 to \$5 license fee, pass a blood test and wait three days. Because Missouri accepts out-of-state blood tests, it's possible for non-Missourians to skip the waiting.

Although Missouri accepts Iowa blood tests, Iowa won't accept Missouri blood tests, Nelson said.

The minimum age with parental consent is 16 for Iowa and 17 for Nebraska.

"We probably get about half a dozen 15 year olds a year," Nelson said. "The parents have to come with them or bring written notarized consent for someone under age."

For a 14 year old or younger to get married in Missouri, they would need a court order.

"We've never had anyone under 14," Nelson said.

Nelson said less than 25 percent of the marriages are from out-of-state.

"Not all of our out-of-state marriages are for under-aged couples," Nelson said. "I don't know why some of them come down here."

Rock Port, in Atchison County, also gets a number of out-of-state couples. The Atchison County clerk said most of theirs come from Iowa and Nebraska.

Teenagers who get married can encounter more problems than older couples, said the Rev. Paul Hunt, Maryville Methodist pastor.

"One of the biggest potential problems is that a 16 or 17 year old doesn't have their values formed yet," he said. "As they continue to mature, they may not both mature in the same direction."

Hunt said it is rare for a person to reach maturity by 16 or 17.

"That's such an age of rapid development," he said. "If you marry someone, then your life can change radically since you haven't completed the growing process."

How many problems a young couple has depends on the reason for the marriage, Hunt said.

"The reasons for early marriage are not always wanting to share your life with someone. Other reasons can be pregnancy or a girl or boy seeing it as an escape from home."

Another problem in early marriage is the loss of freedom.

"Later on, the couple may say they never had the chance to go through the selection process," Hunt said. "If you get married that young, you miss a lot. Being with friends is important to the growing process."

Hunt not only works with teenage couples, but also their parents.

"In some cases, the parents are almost ready to see their children leave," he said. "Especially if it's a pregnancy, the parents are relieved because their grandchild will be legitimate."

The relief felt by parents is not always a feeling of joy.

"I can't say I've seen very many parents who are pleased when their children get married before finishing school," Hunt said.

Center to aid rape victims

"One of every four women is sexually assaulted sometime in her life," said Sue Gollhofer, emergency room R.N. at St. Francis Hospital and one of seven members on the rape task force steering committee for the Northwest Missouri area.

All members of the Nodaway Empire Sexual Abuse Center steering committee attended training sessions at the University of Missouri-Columbia, in accordance with Gov. Joseph Teasdale's statewide effort for rape prevention.

"The purpose of the rape prevention steering committee," said Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Nourie, "is to take people representing the different areas that a rape victim would come in contact with such as the police department, Family Guidance, St. Francis Hospital and his office and make them aware of what each other does in assisting the rape victim."

"The sexual abuse prevention program in Maryville is working through the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, out of Kansas City, organized to help sexually abused victims," said Gollhofer.

"The Kansas City organization provides training sessions and materials needed to inform the public on rape prevention and services available to rape victims. To finance these services, private and business donations are needed," said Gollhofer.

"Volunteers are needed," said Gollhofer, "to assist the rape victim through her crisis. These volunteers will be available if the victim desires. The volunteer will come into the

emergency room, talk with and help her through her crisis and then call her the next day to check on her emotional state. She then calls her in six weeks to check on her progress."

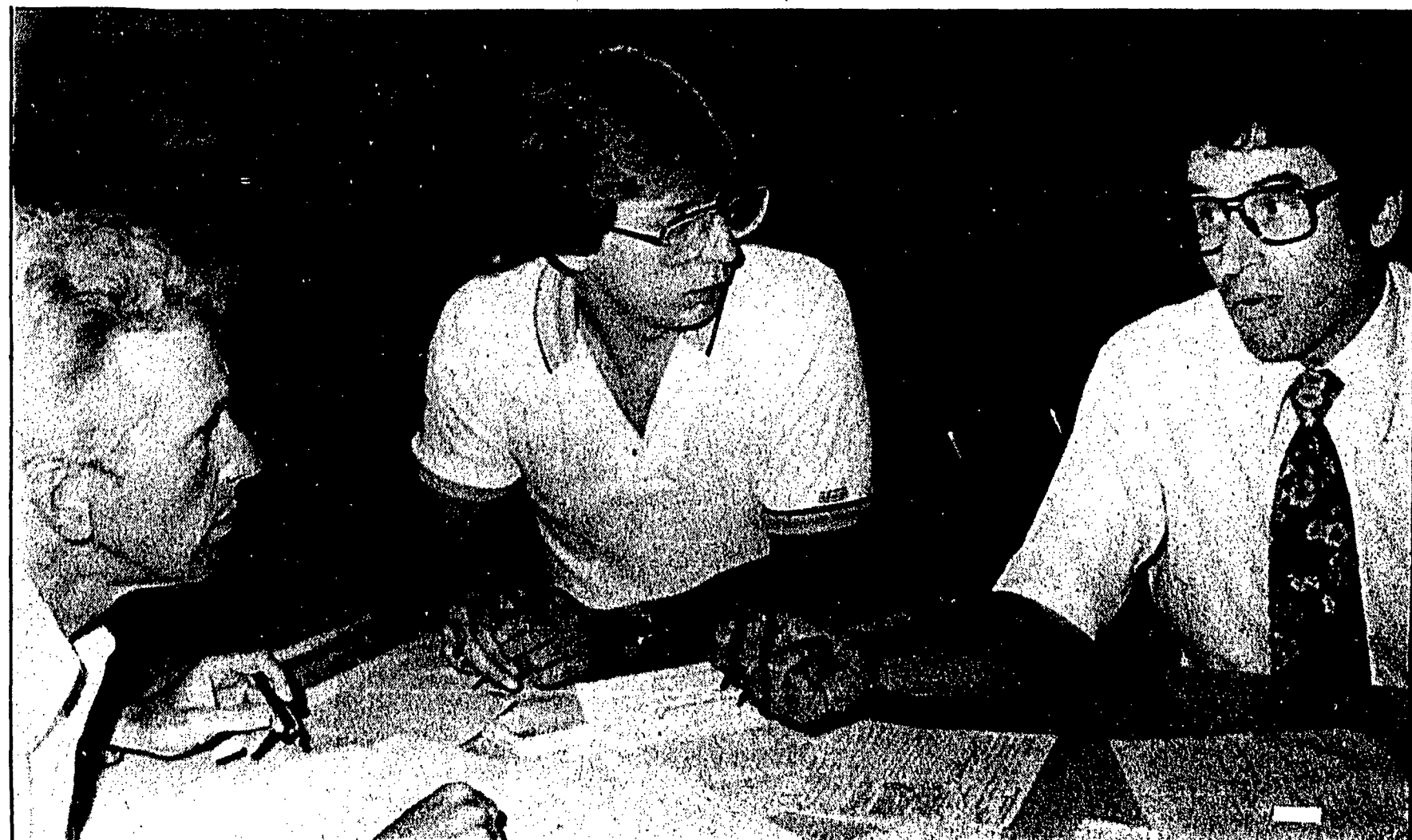
Nourie, also a member of the rape prevention steering committee, said, "The real problem is getting people to serve as a victim advocate volunteer. The volunteer would be with the victim from the time she comes into the hospital until she goes to court; this way the victim would have a familiar person around through the whole ordeal."

When a rape victim calls the emergency room she is advised not to change clothes or take a bath and to come immediately to the hospital. Once in the emergency room she is assured of the strictest confidence. A volunteer will assist her and unless the victim requests it, the police are not called. If any excessive injuries are present they are treated and pictures may be taken for further reference. Then a series of pregnancy and venereal disease tests are run, according to Gollhofer.

A rape crisis line for sexually abused women or rape victims is also in the committee's future plans. Speakers are also sent to women's clubs who request them.

Nourie said, "Hopefully, the crisis line will encourage victims to report rapes since many rape cases are not." Nourie also said that, "There is hope that the rape prevention crisis center in this area is as successful as programs like it in Sedalia and Kansas City."

"We feel that with statistics as high as they are, such a service is needed in our area," Gollhofer said.



Dr. Virgil Albertini helps Paul Jones advise incoming freshman John Hurley. The two English instructors advised freshmen Tuesday morning. Registration has been going on this week and will continue through Friday. (Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke)



Mail call

During a break from classes, Lisa Jung tries to jot down a letter to her parents. Jung is one of the 16 freshmen honor students this summer. [Missourian photo/Dave Gieseke]

Students get head start

"Enthusiastic and lively" was the way Dr. Mike Jewett described this year's 16 honor students.

A composite score of 23 or above and a score of 23 or above in English on the American College Test is the qualification for admission to the honors program.

"They sent me a letter to see if I wanted to take part in the program because I scored high on my ACT tests," said Lynnette Stephens.

The curriculum for the honor students is composed of Ancient World History, American Civilization Since 1865 and Honors Composition. In addition, each student must choose one three-hour elective from the general education sequence.

"We have so much to read, boy, they just pile it on," Stephens said. "It has gotten a little better though."

"They are a good group of students," said Ron Ferris, humanities instructor. "They have something that is often missing in students today, and that is intellectual curiosity."

Some students thought the program would enable them to have a head start over the high school graduating class.

"I like the program," said Jim Carmichael, of Keota, Iowa. "It gives you time to get ahead of your peers."

Being away from home generated a sense of responsibility and independence for the honor students.

"It's not like high school," said Sandy Shellberg, of Stanton, Iowa. "It gives you an opportunity to be more independent."

The adjustment from high school to college with very little break in between did not happen overnight.

"Well, it's hard to get used to being away from home and it's hard to study," Jenny Mercer said. "But I

don't think it's any different for us than it would be for any other freshman."

The students, mostly spring graduates from Iowa and Missouri high schools, take their classes as a group, with the exception of their three-hour elective.

"It gives you a chance to know people a little better when you have them in more than one class," Mercer said.

HBO to be available

By Aug. 8, the people of Maryville will be given the chance to see full-length uninterrupted movies at home. The Maryville Cable TV Co. is now in the process of installing a satellite dish for Home Box Office service programs.

The movies will be shown on channel 7, currently broadcast from Omaha, Neb. Available to the regular cable TV recipients will be the stations SPN and WTBS for live sports programming and a 24-hour programming out of Atlanta, Ga.

In order to receive HBO services, cable TV must already be installed. The price for the extra HBO services will be \$7.95. The price is added to the July 1 increase of cable TV price of \$8.50, thus, bringing the total cost to \$16 per month.

Jack Hutt, manager of Maryville Cable services, said, "Though HBO will be offered to the private citizen, it can't be put in public places." This is the policy of HBO because of some movies that have controversial subject matter.

As for HBO availability to campus residents, Dr. John Mees, vice president of student development, said that if HBO was brought to campus, the cost would probably be passed on to the student. The probability of HBO on campus for the 1980-81 school year is not likely, Mees said.

Currently, the main concern of getting cable is in Perrin and Wilson Halls. Because the halls have had few residents up until the last couple of years, there have been no facilities for cable hook-up. Mees said that, hopefully, the cable will be installed in the dorms by fall.

Intensive English program attracts foreign students

The two-year-old Intensive English Program at NWMSU has attracted 25 foreign students this summer.

The program is geared toward all students, professional people, businessmen and foreign students wishing to improve their knowledge of the English language. Its primary function is to aid the international students who intend to continue their education at American colleges and universities.

"The classes are small, therefore, the student receives better training in English conversation, listening, grammar, writing, library use and pronunciation," said Richard Landes, foreign student advisor. "Each of these courses are offered at three levels depending on the individual's English speaking ability."

The program is limited to 50 students

per session and each session is eight weeks long. The cost of each eight-week program is \$950, which must be paid by the students when they register for the program. The fee includes tuition, textbooks, housing, meals and health insurance.

All of the foreign students are required to live on campus with an American roommate and have the desire to expand their knowledge of American lifestyle.

Making the move to America has meant a great deal of adjustments for the students.

"It depends on where they come from. There are always adjustments to food and customs they must make, but for the most part they arrive with an open mind," Landes said.

Irene Von Salis came to the United

States two weeks ago from Switzerland with Maryville planted in her mind. She had been given the address by a friend in Paris where she studied French for one year. Von Salis finds Americans more friendly and open than other people in the world.

"I like to meet Americans and others from different countries. It gives me more new experiences," she said.

Kyoko Ando has been in the United States for six months and also thinks Americans are more friendly.

"People here are friendly and kind," Ando said.

Since being in America, Von Salis has noticed a difference in American ways of life.

"The dress is very different; everyone seems to be in shorts," she said. "The food is also strange.

American food seems more fattening with oils, butter, cheeses and cream."

American pastimes, such as bike riding, jogging and rollerskating, are nothing new, however.

"In Switzerland we also enjoy many of the American fads," Von Salis said.

Both girls have had English at their home schools, but hope to better it with the courses offered at NWMSU.

"I would like to enter an interpreter's school in Zurich, Dolmetscherschule Zurich," Von Salis said.

"I would like to study political science or journalism at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.," Ando said.

International students consider many factors when they choose a university to attend. In the case of Northwest, one advantage is its low cost. The

curriculum is also important.

"The most popular major among foreign students is pre-engineering," Landes said, "with business and agriculture also preferred."

Most of the foreign student population are from Iran and Nigeria, though others are from The Republic of China, Japan and the Arab countries.

None of the students are supported by their government or the United States government for their American education. However, students from Arab countries may receive scholarships from their government. Recently, Arabian enrollment has increased at Northwest.

"I made a special effort in writing to their ambassador for the increase of Arab students," Landes said.

After receiving their education, most

of the students will return to their countries.

Before students can enter America, they must be accepted by a college; then they must apply for a one-year VISA. They are allowed one grant at a time and the grant is good for one year. Once the grant has expired the students must go through channels in Washington to renew their VISAs.

The Intensive English program allows students to get acquainted with American life and how to handle it. The group has toured St. Joseph Historical Museum, the Foreign Trade Center in Kansas City, the Nelson Art Gallery and the General Motors plant in Kansas as a means of learning more about American culture.

"It has been very helpful for me," Ando said.

Allergies plague summer

Along with the sun and fun of summer comes an unwanted regular, the allergy.

The stimuli for allergies are always present, but during the summer they intensify their aggravation.

"This is the time of year for allergies," said Dr. Desmond Dizney, of the NWMSU health center. "Hay fever, spider bites, poison ivy and bee stings are all seasonal things."

Allergens, the agents that cause allergies, may be contracted in many ways. They may be inhaled, swallowed, injected or they may be acquired by contact with the skin.

Medical science has determined through research that the antibodies normally formed by the body to combat alien substances form chemical compounds called histamines, bradykinins and others when they come in contact with allergens. These chemical compounds create many of the uncomfortable symptoms that accompany allergies.

Hay fever, the most common allergy, is usually caused by the inhalation of

pollen. Sufferers of this affliction need not be reminded of the irritation it causes to the eyes, nose, throat and chest.

"Those who suffer from hay fever can find some relief from over-the-counter antihistamines and decongestants," Dizney said. "If one medication does not work, a change may be in order. Sleeping with a spray mist at night is also helpful."

Millions of dollars are spent every year in the United States for the prevention and control of hay fever symptoms.

Another allergy, one that is potentially dangerous, is injected, such as spider and insect bites and particularly bee stings.

"A bee sting can be very serious if you're sensitive to it," Dizney said. "A report shows that between 40 and 50 people die every year as a result of bee stings. These are needless deaths, since desensitization is a possibility now."

Studies show that about one person in six is allergic to stings from bees and wasps. In rural areas, bees and wasps

are hard to avoid. But, by not eating outdoors or walking barefoot, a degree of safety can be assured. In addition, perfumes, hair sprays and aromatic lotions should not be worn, as they will attract bees and wasps.

Adults generally react more severely than children to a bee sting and males more severely than females. An allergic reaction to a bee sting may be characterized by hives, fainting, abdominal pain or breathing difficulty.

If a person is stung by a bee, a careful attempt should be made to remove the stinger. If this is not done carefully, more venom may be injected into the wound. This is unnecessary with a wasp sting, because a wasp does not leave its stinger behind. If the symptoms of a bee sting become severe, a physician should be consulted immediately.

Contact allergies, such as poison ivy, are another potential threat in the summer.

"Poison ivy over a large part of the body can be serious," Dizney said. "If affected areas are washed with soap and cool water immediately after contact, the reaction may not be as bad. If you wait until inflammation begins, it's too late. All you can do at that point is use cool compresses."

"There is nothing available that is very effective to desensitize against poison ivy," Dizney said. "The best possible thing, of course, is to avoid it."

"Mold in the basement is another common allergy source," Dizney said.

The spores, or microscopic seeds produced by mold, are easily carried by the wind and grow well in the warm summer months. Many people with hay fever and asthma are sensitive to the spores produced by mold. In addition, some people have been found to have contact allergies to mold.

There has been some research into the possibility that lung cancer, associated with cigarette smoking, may be the result of an allergic reaction.

There is almost no plant, animal, metal, chemical, food or drug that has not been found to be an allergen, in one instance or another.

Much has been done in the area of desensitization, and research continues in that field. One thing the medical profession is in agreement upon is that new medication for an allergy should not be taken without seeing a physician first.

Instructors have theses published

Two faculty members have recently been notified of the purchase of their doctoral dissertations for publication.

The dissertations of Dr. Carrol Fry and Dr. Leland May, both English department instructors at NWMSU, have been purchased by Arno Press, a division of Time-Life Books, for inclusion in a gothic series that will be in print soon.

Fry's thesis, entitled *Charlotte Smith, Popular Novelist*, is about the conventions of 18th century fiction, especially those used by Charlotte Smith in novels such as *Emmeline*, published in 1788, *The Old Manor House*, 1793, and *Montalbert*, 1794.

"She wasn't really a gothic novelist," Fry said, "not strictly speaking."

Fry contends that Smith used the popular gothic style to express her political philosophies.

Fry's book, which is scheduled to be in print by October, will be sold mostly to college and university libraries.

"It's scholarly material that will be interesting, mainly, to those interested in 18th Century fiction," he said. "It's the type of literature that's been out of print for a long time, or long forgotten."

May's book, scheduled for publication in September, is entitled *Parodies of the Gothic Novel*.

"It's directed at graduates and undergraduates interested in 18th century gothicism," May said.

His book will include a study of parodies written on books like Walpole's *The Castle of Otranto* and Radcliffe's *The Mysteries of Udolpho*.

"There are chapters on *Nightmare Abbey* by Thomas Love Peacock, *Nothanger Abbey* by Jane Austen, *Herolme* by Easton Stannard Barret and a chapter on gothic magazines," May said.

In addition to the initial purchase of their dissertations, both Fry and May will receive five free books of their own publications by contractual agreement.

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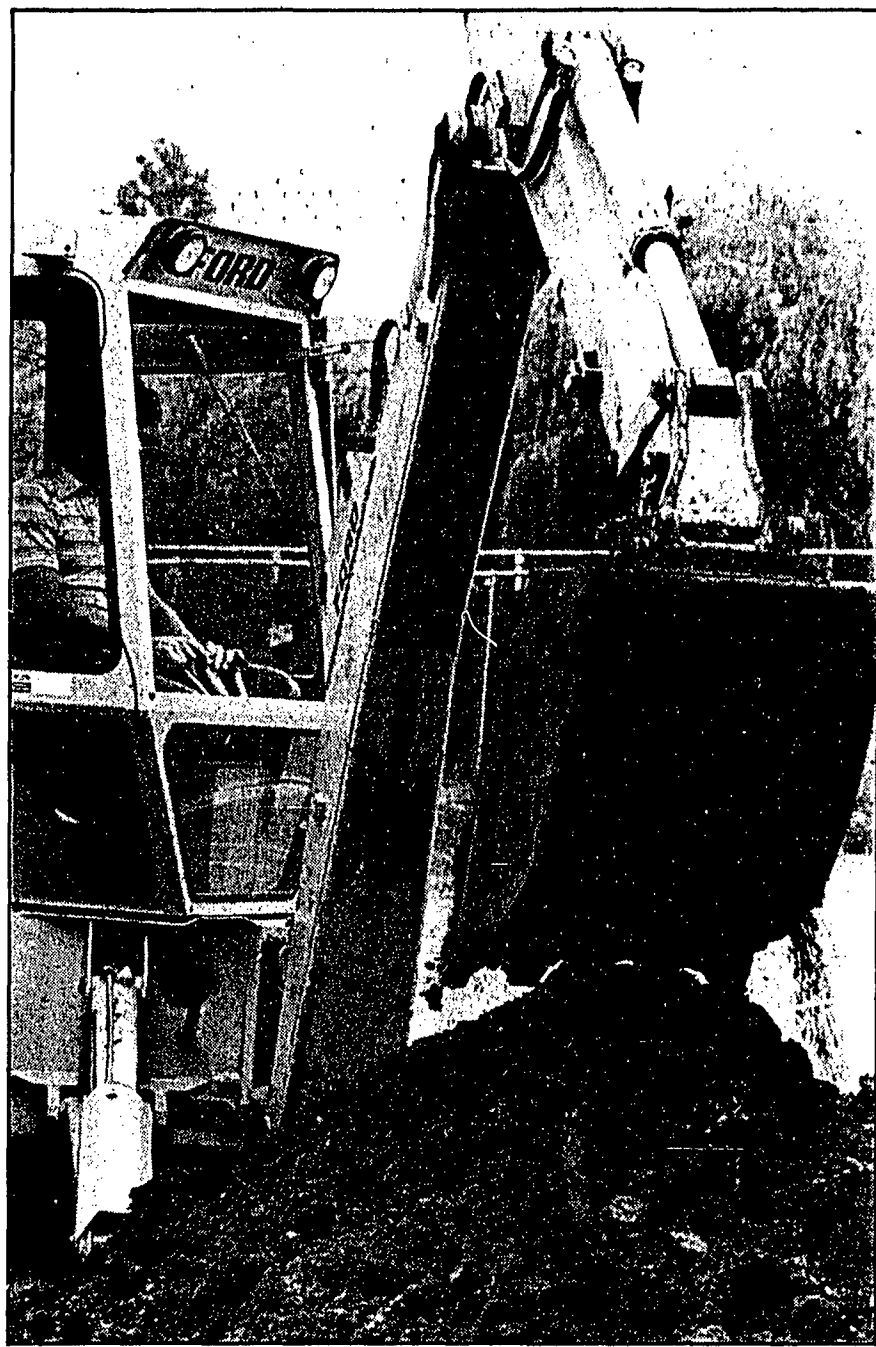
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Northwest Missourian Viewpoint



Eye sores

Northwest Missouri State University looks much better than it has recently. ABOVE: Construction has begun on the aquatic center and will not be completed until the fall of 1981. University residents and visitors will have to dodge construction sites like this for several years. RIGHT: Although cleanup, for the most part, has been completed on the Administration Building, the shell that used to be the theater department remains junky. [Missourian Photos/Dave Gieseke]

'College never looked better?'

University slogan needs updating

Contrary to the bumper stickers, Northwest Missouri State University has looked a lot better in its 75 years as an institution.

As one looks around campus, the University seems to be one large construction site. Definitely it does not look as beautiful as it did a year ago. But since

then, the Administration Building has been partially destroyed by fire, building has begun on the aquatic center and Roberta Hall has been closed due to deteriorating conditions. This is not to mention the tearing up of several other parts of the campus grounds.

The University will continue to experience these conditions for the next several years. It is unlikely that incoming freshmen will be rid of the constant trenches and construction equipment before their commencement ceremony in four years. By the time the Ad Building finally gets repaired and the aquatic center is finished, work will begin on the Performing Arts Center and the new library. Once again students, staff and faculty will have to don hard hats and consult a map to negotiate their ways to classes and offices.

But the blame cannot be placed on the administration. President B.D. Owens did not set fire to the Ad Building and Dr. Robert Bush did not vandalize Roberta Hall. And the additions to campus are for the best. But it is, nevertheless, time for a new University slogan. Even though the slogan is probably not aimed at the beauty of the campus, one cannot help but snicker whenever he grabs a glimpse of a bumper sticker. The future of Northwest may have never looked better, but the campus could stand a thorough spring cleaning.

The Stroller

It doesn't happen very often, but this summer it seems your famous Stroller may have a chance to graduate. This ominous threat has plagued your Hero throughout his long college career, but he has cleverly managed to avoid this curse.

Graduation could be a wonderful time for your Hero (What an excuse for a marathon party), but thoughts of what happens afterward are too terrible to think about. Once your Stroller was so close to graduation that he was even wearing his cap and gown, but he quickly changed his major at the last minute and saved himself from a fate worse than death--better known as fulltime employment.

Checking with the good old registrar, your man found he was only four hours short of graduation. And, what luck, all four hours were activity hours. These should be a cinch for a superb athlete like your Campus Carouser. Your man had attempted several activities before and not quite passed them, but that did not concern him.

What an easy block this would be for your graceful Hero. He smiled during enrollment as he stood at the physical education table and signed up for tennis, archery, folk dancing and bowling. Now, don't get the idea that your Stroller is not a macho guy--he could've easily taken fundamentals of football and the like, but your Carouser was too smart for that. He made sure he signed up for classes full of beautiful young women just waiting for his athletic assistance.

Although your Stroller is not particularly a morning man, he found his tennis class started promptly at 7:30 a.m. Oh, well, even after late nights your Hero was sure the thought of beautiful women in tennis shorts running across the courts would get him up every morning.

The first day of his tennis class, your man put on his Nike tennis shoes, Adidas tennis shirt, but could only find cutoffs in his lacking wardrobe. He was sure that even Jimmy Connors occasionally dressed down for a match. After he was sure of his appearance, your Stroller began to hunt for his tennis racket. Your Hero searched frantically for almost half an hour before remembering he did not own a tennis

racket. This was probably because your athletic Stroller had never played tennis. "Who cares?" he thought. He had spent many bored hours swatting flies in his dorm room and had positively mastered the technique.

Racketless, your Hero made his way to the doomed tennis courts, dodging painters, bulldozers and excitable campers on the way. Your Stroller figured his tennis coach would be the Chris Everett-type--tiny, blonde, frail and definitely in need of a handsome tennis partner. Your Campus Carouser was in for a real shock when his instructor was not tiny, nor blonde and especially not frail, but instead the Bearcat head football coach. That didn't bother him too much since the class was full of scantily-dressed women.

After a few basic instructions, your Hero was ready to hit the courts, but unfortunately, the courts hit back. Running full speed toward his first volley, your coordinated Campus Carouser tripped on his shoe strings and fell on his face. After that, things went from bad to worse. It seems that tennis was not quite your man's sport and he was not only having trouble hitting the ball over the net, but hitting the ball at all seemed impossible.

Now, being in such an embarrassing situation might get a lesser man down, but your Stroller knew that one of his female classmates was bound to offer him a few pointers. Unfortunately, the only one trying to improve his game was a 6'6", 230-pound graduate assistant. This was not quite what your Hero had in mind, but your man figured maybe he'd better let the P.E. major (nicknamed "The Mangler") have his way.

Very soon, the Mangler gave up on your Hero and went on to assist more promising students. Your Stroller was left to practice hitting balls by himself. After 40 or 50 swings your man was not quite sure Jimmy Connors started this way. He decided to give his forehead one last chance to connect or give up the sport for good.

Your Hero took the borrowed racket firmly in hand and swung at that tricky yellow-tennis ball with all his might. Surprisingly, this time the racket connected with the ball and your Stroller heard the satisfying smack of a

tennis ball hit squarely and powerfully across the net. Your Hero happily watched the ball sail quickly over the net (My, he had hit it hard), but his heart sank when he saw where it was headed. With all the power and speed a truly inspired Stroller can muster, the ball was making straight for the Mangler.

Your terrified Stroller tried to yell a warning, but the words stuck in his throat as the ball smacked his graduate assistant in the mouth. Although your Hero may not always excel in his studies, he is not stupid when it comes to his own health. With all the grace of a wounded rhino, he leaped the net and made for the open sidewalk.

But unfortunately for your Hero the sidewalk was not so open. A visiting troupe of teenage girls were stepping

along towards the gym, yelling. "Kick them, stomp them, hit them in the eye. Punch them, crush them, beat them 'till they cry! Rah!" As your Stroller dodged the color-coordinated girls, he knew what had happened to him--The Curse of the Cheerleaders.

Your Hero can be quite nimble when his life is threatened and managed to roll off the sidewalk and out of the way of the noisy adolescents. He found that he had jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire--actually into the bulldozer as he rolled onto the aquatic center construction site. With a little luck, your man escaped the bulldozer and decided the athletic life was not for him.

With a worn and bruised body, your Stroller made his way to drop his four activities, careful to watch for the Mangler on his way. Graduation must not be in the cards for your Hero again.

Campaign '80

By Ken Wilkie

Ronald Reagan will need to go farther than advocating unity of the Republican Party if he expects to beat either President Jimmy Carter or John Anderson.

Although it may be nice to see George, Howie, Johnny, Bobby and Phil all smiling together as they unite behind Ronnie, it is more important for Reagan to begin thinking of what direction he wants to lead this country. And right now, a direction is far more important than pinpointed answers to pinpointed questions. Thus far, Reagan has provided neither.

Reagan promotes domestic policies which would virtually destroy several social programs dating back to the Franklin D. Roosevelt era. We as a country cannot afford this so-called direction. Whether Reagan believes it or not, this would balance the budget at the expense of the poor, not to mention the strain it would put on the middle class.

By just glancing at such Reagan ideas as cutting taxes by 30 percent, freezing government hiring and abolishing the Department of Energy and Education, it

is clear that he is an advocate of the conservative extremism that he claims he is not.

True, there does need to be a spending lid and we could certainly use a tax cut. But it does no good to put thousands of people out of work for perhaps a mere one or two percentage points on the inflationary scale.

The fact is Reagan offers an alternative which is not only too simplistic in nature, but outdated as well. This can clearly be seen not only in

domestic policy, but foreign policy as well.

Strengthening of our muscle throughout the world is not the answer to our problems. It is a fact that by looking strong, we could have avoided such an incident as the Iranian hostage "crisis." But on the other hand, America cannot afford to spend millions of dollars on defense and turn its back on the millions of unemployed it possesses.

Thus, Reagan's ideas might have

been acceptable perhaps in the '50s, but now they are neither timely or capable of dealing with the complexity in nature which many of the problems have become.

Perhaps if Ronald Reagan were to sit down and think issues instead of wooing every has-been presidential hopeful to unite behind him and the Republican cause, then he would understand that what this country needs is true leadership and not some haphazard method of thinking.

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Sports

On the
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By Dave Gieseke

Construction team hammers away

There's something evil going on in professional baseball and it's liable to make its way down through the ranks, down to organized baseball as far as the Pee Wee League.

Violence has escalated throughout the sport in the early part of this year. Usually, fighting just took place within the New York Yankees. Billy Martin wanted to duke it out with Reggie Jackson, and Rich Gossage always seemed to hurt his hand on a teammate's jaw. But this year the fighting has not been strictly for the Yankees.

The violence went from bad to epidemic proportions this past weekend. A warrant was issued for Detroit Tigers outfielder Al Cowens this weekend and a fight broke out among the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cowens incident started when he grounded out in the 11th inning during a game against the Chicago White Sox. Instead of running the ball out, Cowens charged White Sox pitcher Ed Farmer. He swung at the pitcher and bloodied his nose later in the fight. This incident started a brawl as both benches emptied. Cowens was ejected from the game and has been suspended for seven days.

After the game Farmer signed a criminal complaint against Cowens and Chicago policemen entered the Detroit locker room to arrest the outfielder. But Detroit manager Sparky Anderson threw the pair out and Cowens departed from Chicago the next morning. The next time the warrant can be issued against Cowens is Aug. 26, when the Tigers return to Chicago. The warrant charges Cowens with assault and battery, a felony.

Besides his suspension, Cowens will also be levied a fine and Farmer has considered a possible lawsuit.

The St. Louis incident was just as ugly. Before a game Saturday a fight broke out between teammates John Fulgram and Keith Hernandez. Before it could be broken up, eight other Cardinals were involved, creating more problems for new manager Whitey Herzog.

These are not the only incidents this season. There have been several bench-clearing brawls this season and the Texas Rangers got into a fight with some Chicago White Sox fans after a game.

Baseball is supposed to be the national sport. Little leaguers as well as the adult fans look up to these heroes of the base paths. Violence is all around us so why do we have to witness it on the playing field? When fighting plagued professional basketball, Commissioner Larry O'Brien came down hard and suspended Kermit Washington for the rest of the season after crippling Rudy Tomjanovich.

Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has to start the same policy. He has to crack down hard and soon. The Cowens incident would be a good place to start. He has to start being a commissioner instead of a sometime referee before the double play is replaced by a right hook.

Classifieds

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What do you get when you combine a host of NWMSU employees ranging from construction workers to faculty members? At first thought one might answer chaos. But if you've ever had the chance to watch the Maryville Summer Softball League one would find just such an entourage in the NWMSU Construction softball team.

Led by Captains Ron Allen, electrician, and Dan Alsup, carpenter, NWMSU Construction has become a formidable force in the summer league. Despite being only in its second year of existence, they are currently 5-1 and tied for first place in League D.

The formation of NWMSU Construction is attributed to University employees that wished to play softball, but had no team to play with, said Alsup, team pitcher.

"Last year we had a bunch of guys that wanted to play ball that hadn't played for a couple of years. They didn't have a team to play on so they formed their own. Ron Allen and I acted as captains and that's how we got started," Alsup said.

"We're mainly made up of physical plant workers and summer work study

students," he said. "This year we've expanded to postal workers, teachers and other University employees. There are presently 20 members on the team roster."

NWMSU Construction's success this year is a combination of talent and teammanship.

"We've played everybody now except Riegel, who we face Friday night," Alsup said. "I think we can win the rest of our games."

"One key to our team is that everybody gets along with each other real well. Our morale is real good. We've had some ballgames where we've come from behind because of this," Alsup said.

Despite NWMSU Construction's success they have suffered from insufficient sponsorship.

"Dr. Bush (vice-president of environmental affairs) has paid the initial league entry fee for us the last two years," Alsup said. "We appreciate the University being behind us. It's good advertisement for the school. But when we enter tournaments or buy uniforms we have to pay out of our own pocket. This has cost us some players to other teams that are completely

sponsored like Uniroyal and Union Carbide," he said.

Other team members agree that they could use better sponsorship, but the enjoyment of just being able to play overshadows any problems.

"It's a good activity for all NWMSU employees to get involved with," said construction worker B. H. Auffert. "It gets all the different people together."

Bill Long, assistant director of campus safety and first year team member, enjoys the team unity found with NWMSU Construction.

"It's teamwork out there. We don't play as 10 individuals," he said. "It reflects a good spirit on the team. You can see that spirit through all levels," he said.

Included on the roster is Dr. John C. Rhoades of the industrial arts department, known as Mr. Hustle to his teammates. Currently, he is on the disabled list, but his presence is always known through his cheering.

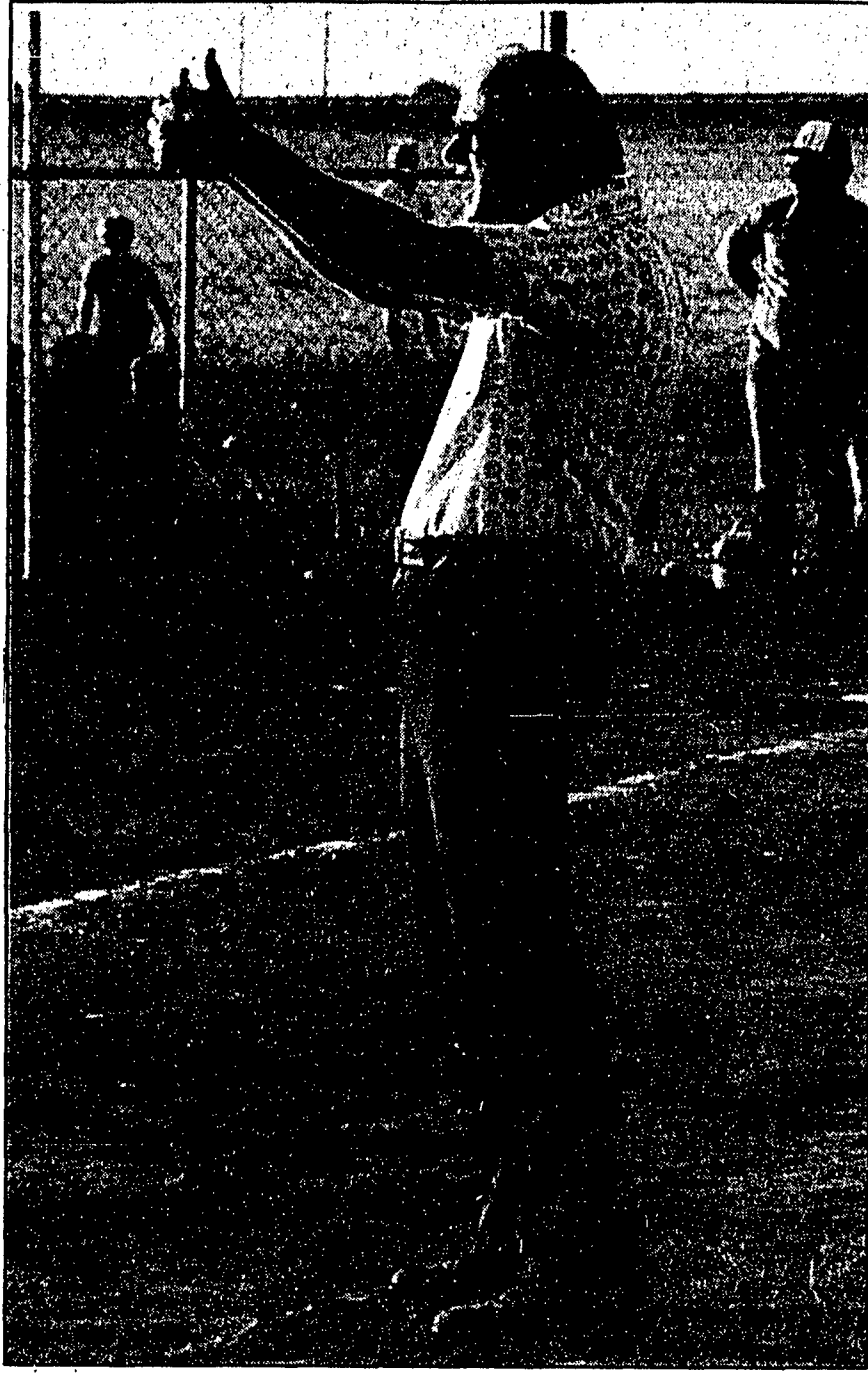
"I love the competition," Rhoades said. "Playing with the team has given me an opportunity to get better acquainted with the members and the opposition. Several of my former students are on the team which brings back memories and some old stories," he said.

For custodian Jim Hazen, NWMSU Construction provides something to do during the long summer in Maryville.

"It's something to do besides watch TV or go to a bar," Hazen said. "I couldn't get on with any team in the past, so when the opportunity came to play with NWMSU Construction I took it. I really enjoy playing with these guys."

Regardless if the team wins or loses, just having the chance to compete athletically with other teams, many of which contain younger players, is rewarding enough, said Alsup.

"It's relaxing. There is no age limit. You're as young as you feel," Alsup said.



Thumbs up

Dr. John Rhoades encourages fellow teammates to a 15-7 victory over Uniroyal Monday night. The victory enabled the NWMSU Construction softball team to move into a first place tie with Uniroyal.

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